

DECISION NOTICE:

Beavertail Hill State Park Riverbank Stabilization

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

The Environmental Assessment (EA) had been prepared to correct some work previously done in the Clark Fork River adjacent to Beavertail Hill State Park. The proposed action consists of the following:

Partial removal of the diversion structures that will restore the channel gradient along the affected reaches. The channel to the east will return to a full width reach from its constricted configuration now, while the west channel will be allowed to balance reach gradient and flow characteristics at two locations.

Retention of a portion of the west bank weirs will provide two vanes for slowing near bank stream velocity but should provide relatively long-term resistance to moderately high flows. Infilling with trees between the existing structures will provide additional erosion control along the west bank.

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The public comment period began August 3, 2001 and ran through September 14, 2001. Legal notices were published in the Missoulian, and Helena Independent Record. Also, it was posted on the Montana State's electronic bulletin board. There were no comments received during the comment period.

DECISION

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

It is my decision to implement the proposed action (alternative B), and proceed with the work identified. The project should commence this fall. By notification of this Decision Notice, the draft EA is hereby made the final EA without any modifications or additions. The final EA may be viewed at or obtained from Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at the above address. Please direct any further requests or questions to Mack Long, Region Two Supervisor, or Lee Bastian, Region Two Park Manager.


Mack Long, Regional Supervisor

9/18/01
Date:

Missoula